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PREVIOUSLY IN *THE SCORCHED*

With half of the Scorched team captured by Curse, Medieval and Soul Crusher come to an uneasy alliance and set out to free their friends and stop the Curse's plans.

SHE-SPAWN: A.K.A.
JESSICA PRIEST

THERE WILL ALWAYS REMAIN THREATS OUT THERE, THREATS THAT, AT TIMES, NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION. AND THOUGH SHE'S DEDICATED HER LIFE TO DESTROYING THOSE EVILS, SHE'S ALSO A **MOTHER**.

HAVING A SAFER WORLD FOR HER CHILD, THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.



War Journal:

New intel reports an island off the coast of China has shown new activity.

Monsters fight, showing off their abilities. Hoping they'll be chosen to stay.

But word is they have hidden files, too. With the Identities of people like me. Like those now trapped on Earth. Risk assessment is high.

Solution:

Bring in outside help.



HIM?!

YOU
WANT US TO
COLLABORATE
WITH THE
FREAK?

HE CAN BE
EFFECTIVE.

THERE! NOW
YOU'VE GOT NO
ARM! SO, WHO'RE
YOU PROTECTING ON
THAT ISLAND, 'CUZ
I'D LIKE TO GO
VISIT THEM?

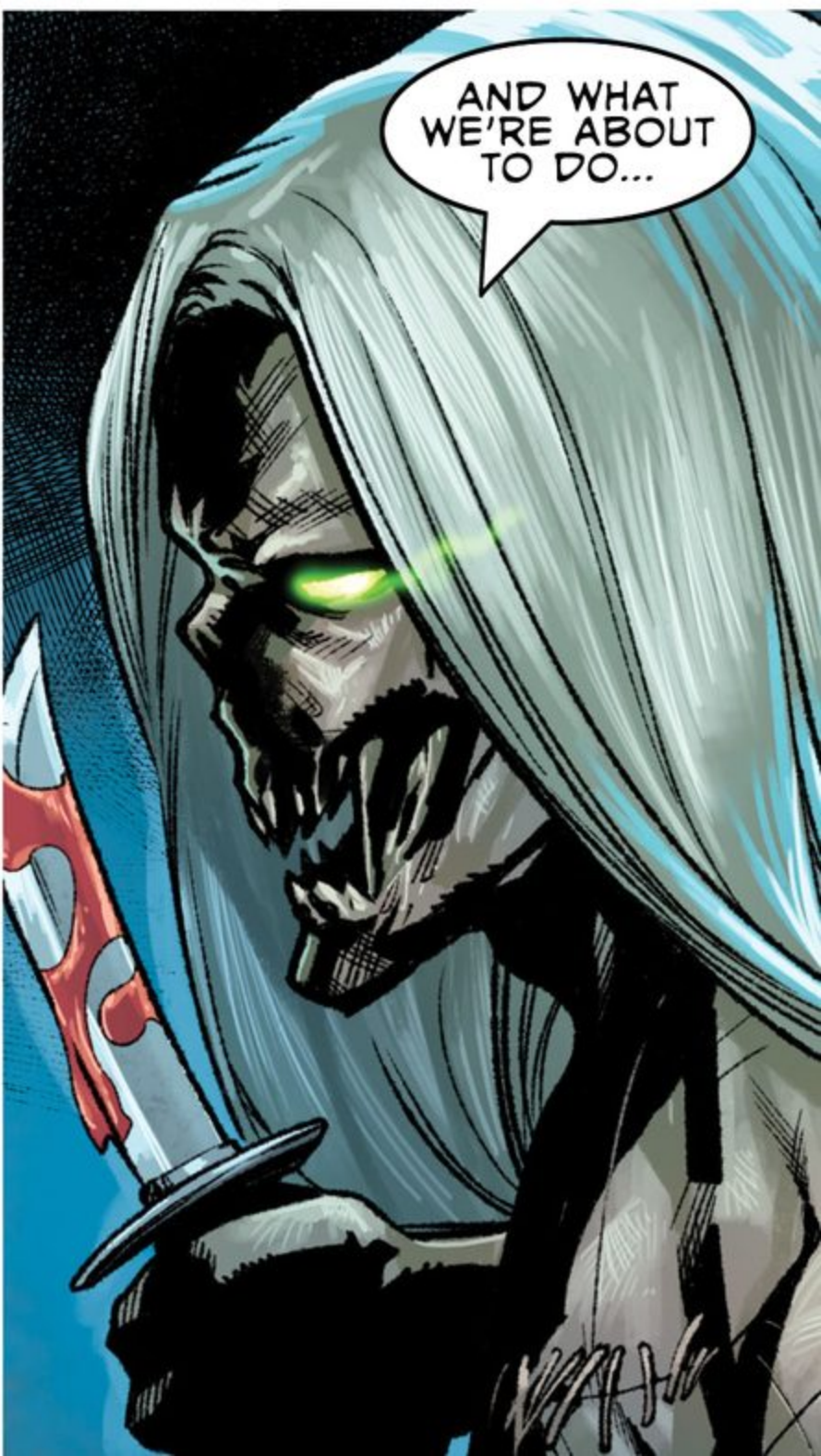
YOU...
NEED TO
ARRIVE
WITH THE
SHIPS!



WHY
ARE WE GOING
AROUND SPAWN,
JESSICA?



THERE'S
SOME THINGS
WE NEED TO
TAKE CARE OF
OURSELVES.



AND WHAT
WE'RE ABOUT
TO DO...



...SPAWN
WOULDN'T
CONDONE.

SEE,
THERE'S A
RUMOR IN THE
UNDERWORLD THAT
SIMMONS HAS BEEN
MESSING AROUND
HERE, TOO. TRYING
TO OPEN PORTALS
CHASING DOWN A
DEAD WIFE WHILE
PEOPLE TELL
HIM HE'S A
KING. *

IT'S MAKING
SOME OF THESE
BASTARDS ON EARTH
A BIT TOO BOLD. THEY
THINK HE'S DISTRACTED
SO THEY'RE TEAMING
TOGETHER. LOOKING
FOR A **NEW**
LEADER OF
THEIR OWN.

THIS SOB
ON THE ISLAND, I'M
HEARING ABOUT. HE'S
MAKING MONSTERS FIGHT
TO THE DEATH TO GAIN
ENTRY. HE WANTS ONLY THE
RUTHLESS ON HIS SIDE,
YOU UNDERSTAND,
ANGEL-MAN?

SO,
IF SPAWN
ISN'T THERE
TO PROTECT
EVERYTHING,
THEN IT
FALLS ON
US.

THEN
LET'S MAKE
ONE YOU
CAN LIVE
WITH.

WE
STILL NEED
A PLAN.

*SEE ISSUES OF
KING SPAWN
- THOMAS

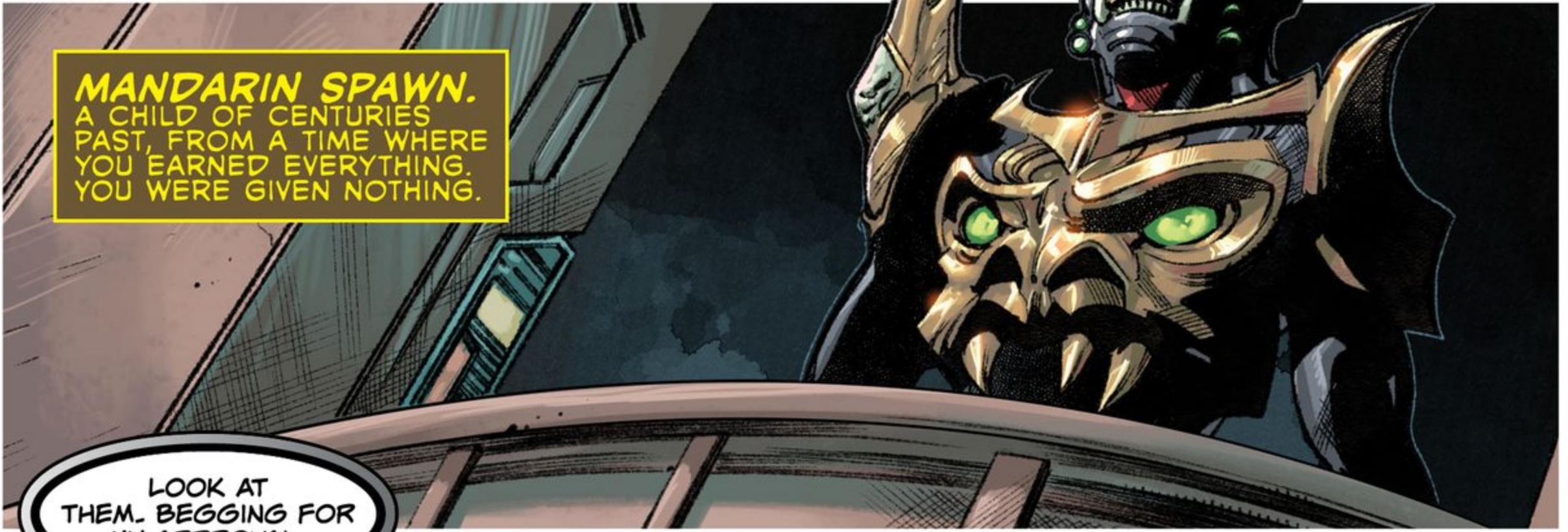
FUCHOU ISLAND. OFF THE COAST OF CHINA.



A SANCTUARY BUILT INTO THE SIDE OF A MOUNTAIN. THOSE WANTING TO STAY WITHIN ITS HALLS MUST PROVE THEMSELVES BY SPILLING THEIR BLOOD.



AND THERE IS ONLY ONE WICKED ENOUGH TO OVERSEE THAT BLOODSHED...



MANDARIN SPAWN.
A CHILD OF CENTURIES PAST, FROM A TIME WHERE YOU EARNED EVERYTHING. YOU WERE GIVEN NOTHING.

LOOK AT THEM. BEGGING FOR MY APPROVAL.



EVERY SHIPLOAD BARELY HAVING A HANDFUL WITH THE SKILLS FOR ME TO KEEP.



IN THE CROWD, FREAK NAVIGATES THIS SEA OF THE DAMNED.

AWAITING
THE WEEDING
OUT PROCESS.



IN CHAMBERS, CLERICS REGALE MANDARIN WITH FINDINGS. LIKE THE SWEEPING HORDES OF GENGHIS KHAN, THEY HAVE BEEN RUSHING THROUGH THE NEIGHBORING LANDS, RAIDING BASES AND STRONGHOLDS.

WHAT ARE THESE?

THE SPOILS OF CONQUEST. WE CAPTURED A BUILDING FILLED WITH MANY FILES...

AND, WHY SHOULD I CARE?



THEY CONTAIN DETAILS OF SOME TRAPPED ON THIS EARTH. INCLUDING DEMONS, HELLSPAWN AND ANGELS.



AND MORE ARE OUT THERE.

HELLSPAWN?

PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF THOSE THAT WILL EVENTUALLY TRY TO DISRUPT US.





LORD,
HERE'S THE ONE
YOU ASKED
FOR.

MANDARIN SPOTTED
HIM IN THE CROWD,
EASILY. HE KNEW
FREAK'S WALK, HIS
UNNATURAL GAIT.



I KNOW
WHO YOU
ARE. DID THE
SPAWN SEND
YOU?

I'M
HERE ON MY
OWN.

HOPING TO MEET
THE ONE BEHIND ALL THE
STORIES. THE UNDERWORLD
KEEPS TALKING ABOUT CHENG'LI,
THE DEFORMED SERVANT WHO
KILLED HIS MASTERS
CENTURIES AGO.



WHOSE SOUL
WAS TURNED INTO
A HELLSPAWN.



AS LONG
AS I **PROMISED** TO
KILL FOREVER.



MANDARIN IS
INTRIGUED BY
THIS...FREAK.

MEANWHILE, REDEEMER
AND SHE-SPAWN GET
THE OPENING THEY NEED.

HE'LL
SKIN HIM
ALIVE.

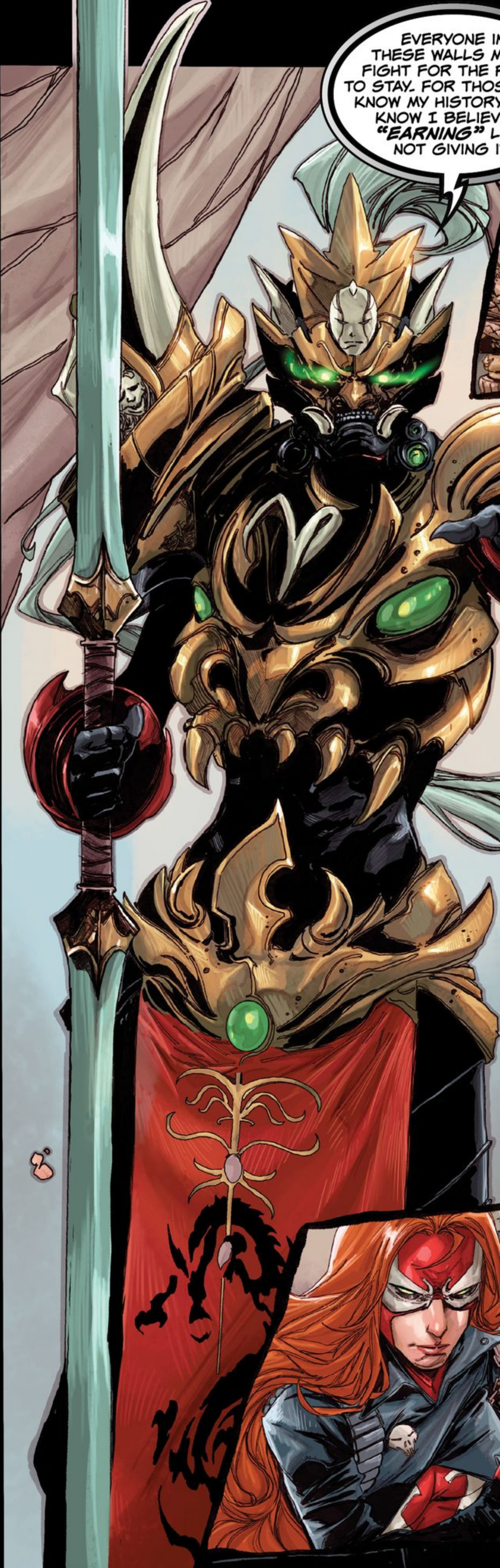


HONESTLY,
THE FREAK
MIGHT LIKE
THAT.

LET'S
SCOUT THIS
PLACE OUT. THEN,
WE CAN MAKE
SOME NOISE.



BELOW THE CITIZENS
OF THIS HELL-CITY
BEGIN TO GATHER
FOR THE EVENING'S
ENTERTAINMENT.



EVERYONE IN THESE WALLS MUST FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO STAY. FOR THOSE THAT KNOW MY HISTORY, THEY KNOW I BELIEVE IN "EARNING" LIFE. NOT GIVING IT.



SO, YOU WANT ME TO FIGHT? THESE GUYS DON'T HAVE A CHANCE.



NO. YOU'LL FIGHT ME, FREAK. AND ONLY ONE OF US WILL LIVE.



HE WANTS TO KILL HIM.



FREAK IS FINE WITH THAT.

THE MANDARIN
LEADER FACES
HIS CROWD.

WHEN I WAS
FORGED AS A HELLSPAWN, IT
WAS DONE BY THOSE TRYING TO
STOP ME! TO OPPRESS ME!
THEY WANTED TO INTERFERE
IN MY DESTINY!

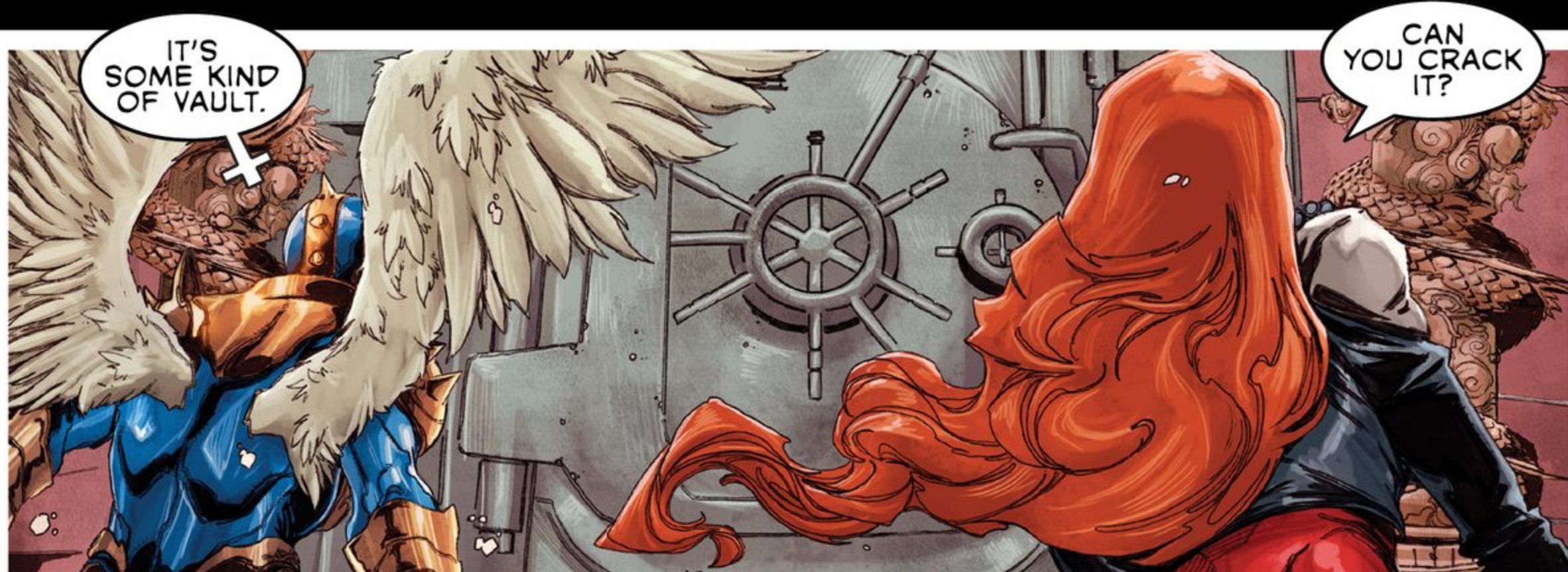
**KILL
HIM!**

KILL!

NOW, THIS
MAN, THIS **FREAK!**
HE SAYS HE IS HERE
TO JOIN US, BUT HE IS
A NOTED AFFILIATE OF
SPAWN. AND YOU **ALL**
KNOW ABOUT
SPAWN???

**MAKE
HIM
BOW!**

FREAK IS NOT HERE FOR LAURELS. HE'S
HERE TO ELIMINATE AS MANY OF THESE
MONSTERS AS HE CAN. BUT HE NEEDS
TO KEEP DELAYING. THE LONGER HE
DOES THAT, THE BETTER CHANCES
REDEEMER AND SHE-SPAWN HAVE.



IT'S
SOME KIND
OF VAULT.

CAN
YOU CRACK
IT?



IT'S MORE
THAN STEEL.
I'LL NEED TO
DETONATE IT
FROM THE
INSIDE.



HE USES HIS STRENGTH
TO CRACK A HOLE. JUST
DEEP ENOUGH FOR HIM
TO REST HIS HANDS.



THEN BEGINS TO
POWER HIMSELF
UP. HIS BODY
TURNING INTO A
REACTOR. UNTIL--

BOOM

THE TWO HEROES
ARE STUNNED AT
WHAT THEY SEE.

PAPERS?
THAT'S
WHAT THEY'RE
HIDING?

IT'S FILES--
OF THOSE TRAPPED
ON EARTH. THE SAME
ONE'S SPAWN WAS
COLLECTING.

INCLUDING
OURS.

SO,
OUR MISSION,
WHAT IS IT?
I DON'T LIKE
BEING USED,
JESSICA, SO DID
WE COME HERE
TO STOP MANDARIN
OR ARE WE HERE
FOR YOUR
PERSONAL
AGENDA?

IT'S
BOTH. BUT
I NEED MY
FILE.

YOU HAVE
DISRESPECTED
OUR LORD'S
CHAMBERS.

OUTSIDE, THE CITIZENS OF MANDARIN'S UTOPIA GROW INCREASINGLY IMPATIENT AS THEY HOWL FOR ONE THING...



BLOOD

YOUR MIND WAS LOST LONG AGO, FREAK. YOU'VE JUST BEEN A PROP EVER SINCE.

STOP TALKING.

JUST **FIGHT** DAMN YOU!

AND SO THEY
ENGAGE.

MANDARIN
CATCHES
FREAK WITH A
COMBINATION
OF BLOWS.



SWINGING HIS
BLADE DEEP INTO
FREAK'S ARM.

FREAK JUST
LICKS HIS
WOUND.

DO
THAT
AGAIN.



I LIKE
PAIN.

MANDARIN
HESITATES.

CONFUSED.

I SAID
**DO IT
AGAIN!**

NOT FAR AWAY,
IT'S A SHOW OF
FORCE. FOR
JESSICA, WHEN
SHE WAS MERELY
'MORTAL', SHE
DID WHAT HER
GOVERNMENT
ASKED OF HER.

ON MY
ORDER!

HOLDING.

SHE'S NOW TAKEN
THOSE LESSONS AND
APPLIED THEM TO
HELPING HER NEW
GROUP SURVIVE.

OVER TIME SHE BECAME
MORE RELIABLE TO THEM FOR
FOLLOWING ORDERS TO THE
LETTER, REGARDLESS OF WHO
GOT HURT IN THE PROCESS.

A CULT IN TEXAS, DRUG DEALERS
HIDING IN MOUNTAINS IN ARGENTINA?
WHATEVER HER MISSION SHE BEGAN
TO FIND THE THREATS STARTING TO
BELIEVE THEY COULDN'T BE TOUCHED?

THAT'S WHY JESSICA WAS
SENT IN. TO LET THEM KNOW
THEY WEREN'T INVULNERABLE.

GO!

BECAUSE SOME
STRATEGIES
ARE TIMELESS.





AND THEY
HAVE A
MESSAGE...

IN CASE
YOU'RE WONDERING,
MANDARIN, THAT'S MY
REINFORCEMENT.

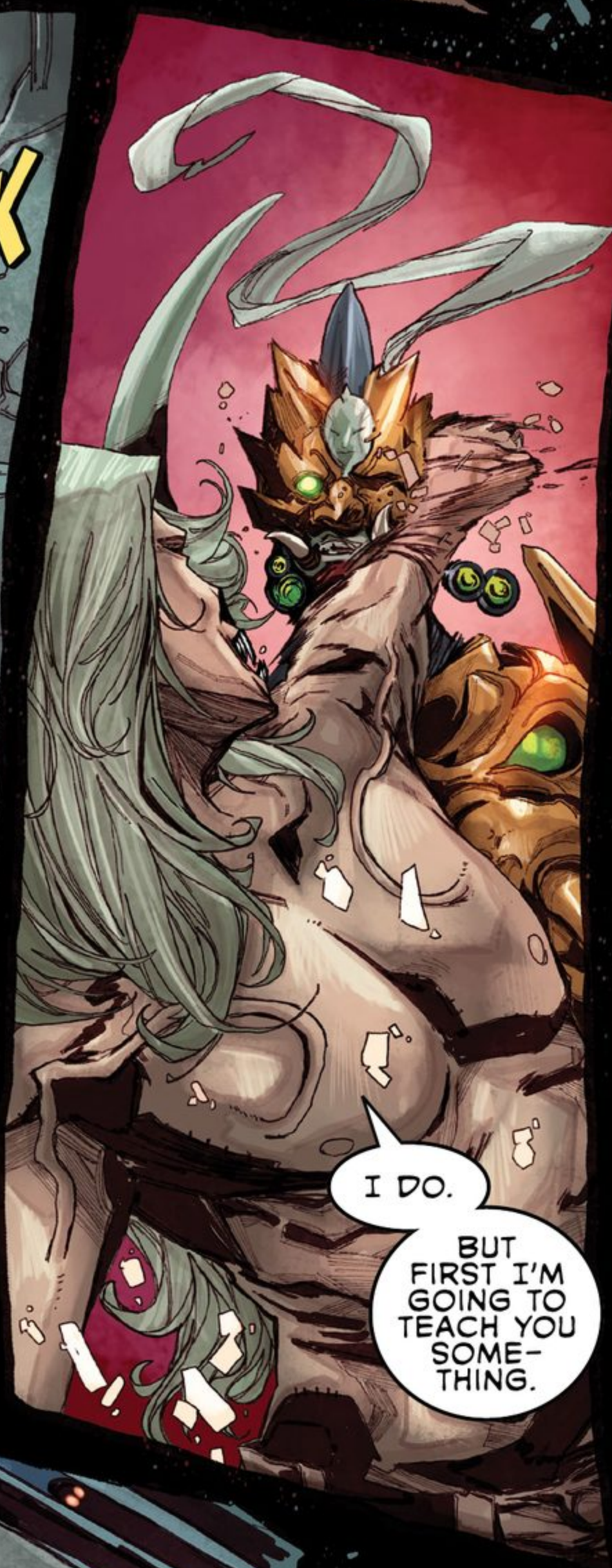


SHUT THIS
ISLAND DOWN,
IF YOU KEEP
PUSHING TO BUILD
AN ARMY, WE'LL
BE BACK.



BACK?
YOU THINK
YOU GET TO
LEAVE?

THUK



I DO.

BUT
FIRST I'M
GOING TO
TEACH YOU
SOME-
THING.



FREAK DISABLES
HIS ENEMY FOR A
MOMENT THEN
SCALES A FENCE
TO THE OTHER SIDE.

DRAWING THE
ATTENTION OF A
PROTECTIVE HORDE.

KEEP UP,
BOYS! I'M
BARELY
BREAKING A
SWEAT.

SHOULD
WE HELP
HIM?

HAHA
HAHAHA

WHY?

HE
SEEMS TO BE
ENJOYING
HIMSELF.

MANDARIN IS NOT UPSET, THOUGH. NO, A NEW TRUST HAS REVEALED ITSELF TO HIM.

THEY KNOW ABOUT US.

IF THEY'RE SMART, THAT WILL SCARE THEM.

LATER HE'LL FIND OUT SHE-SPAWN SAW HE HAD HER FILE, BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW IF THERE'S MORE. THAT MEANS THEY'LL ALL MEET **AGAIN**.

MANDARIN WILL BE LOOKING TO SIMPLY TAKE THEIR HEADS.

GATHER THE CLERICS! TONIGHT, WE **BEGIN** TO PLAN.





SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

MAILBAG

Hey guys. I am loving the Scorched book. I will always have a place for Spawn but It's really nice to see some other characters get the spotlight. Now that the Team is working together as a team, do you think we will see any new additions? Haunt showing up was really cool, but there are so many other characters in the Spawn Universe that could be on the team, right? I know Cy-Gor is in Spawn now, but I think he should be on the Scorched! Thanks!

-DAVIS D

Davis, you are certainly on to something. Now that the first year of Scorched is done, we are certainly looking to see how the Team will evolve and change. I know that Sean has some exciting ideas coming for Scorched in 2023...including some new members!

-THOMAS

Would have never had the idea to go at it alone without Spawn and Todd Toys.) Wanted to say thank you, congrats, and more Spawn, please!

P.S.- Also, a pic of what goes on behind me when we are on our zooms at the US office [bottom left]. Great work!

-DAVID H

David, wow, that's awesome! Based on your letter from Issue #37, it certainly looks like toys played a big part in your childhood! And based on the picture of your desk, it seems like they still do. I have included a shot of a shelf in my office [bottom right] to show some of my favorites!

-THOMAS

Dear Todd,
I purchased a BLUE regular Spawn figure in a Santa Monica Comic Shop for \$15. What's up with this figure? I haven't been able to find another one to open. (I always get two of each.) When I asked around, some people would tell me, "Oh, you mean Medieval Spawn." No! I mean regular Spawn in BLUE. And No! I didn't buy any Wildstorm Cards!

I also noticed Green Tremor has a big horned zit on his right arm in the back. Orange Tremor does not. Why? I really love repaints! Like white Pilot Spawn! What the heck?

Will there be any store exclusives or more blue Spawn type things?

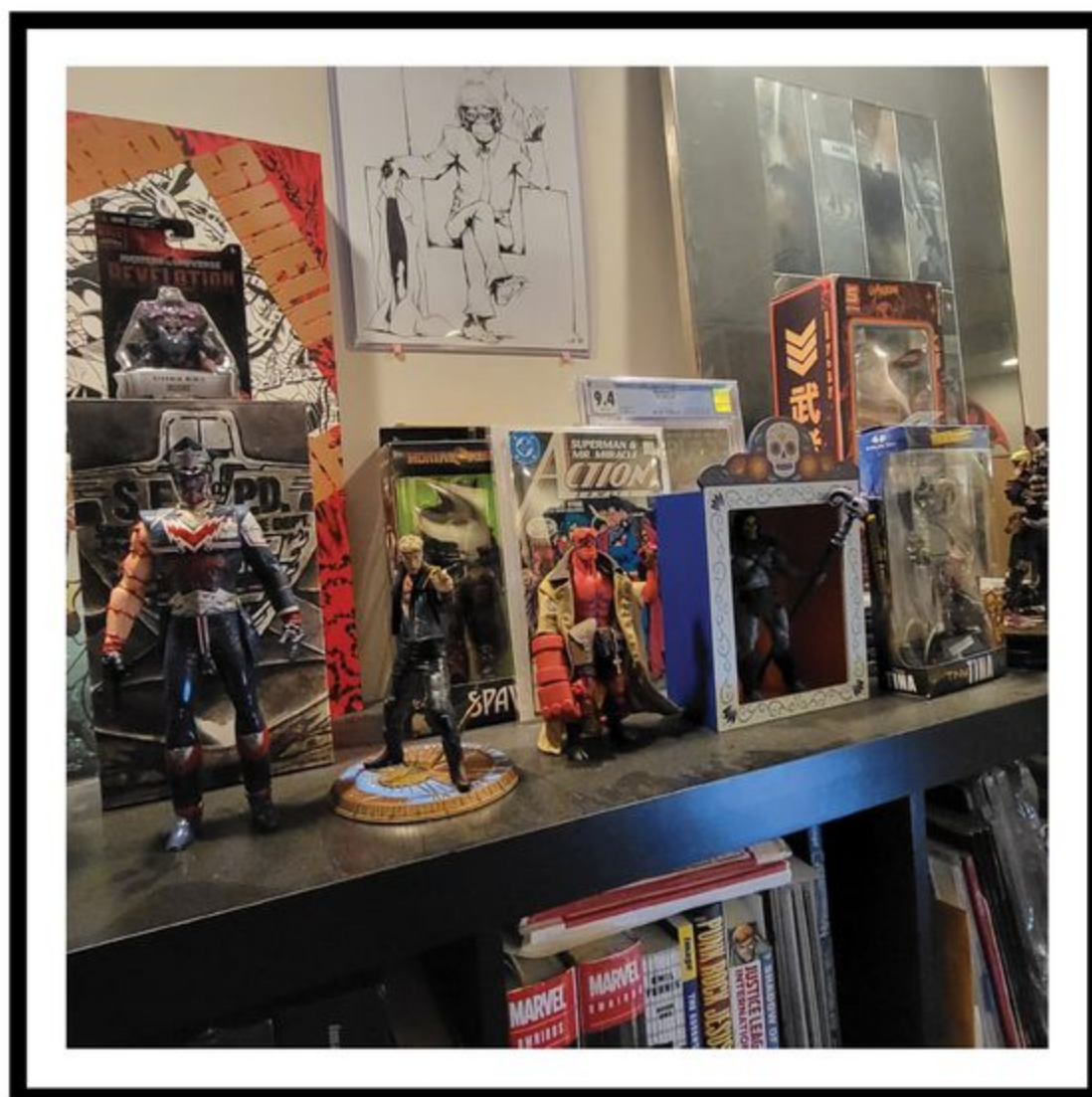
David Horvath
Marietta, GA

The blue Spawn was part of a promotional give-away that Jim Lee gave retailers who bought a certain amount of his Spawn trading cards. Other than the red Violator, the blue Spawn is one of my least produced toys having a total run of about 7,000. These kinds of specials and promotional give-aways are fairly common in the toy industry. So you will probably see more of them in the future with different customers and retail chains.

Spawning Ground, Spawn #37
Published November 1995



Hi Todd and team! Just found Spawn Plague and the others in the wave at Target and ran straight to B&N looking for the comics. So very happy to see Spawn at retail again, and hope more is on the way. Would love Medieval Spawn from the recent issues. You ran my letter in the back of Spawn #37 in the mid 90s... a massive boost in life at the time, and Todd inspired us to make our own toys, VS work for a toy company... (We created Uglydolls and our Bossy Bear toy line and books from 20 years ago hits Nick Jr in a few months....



Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at:
spawningground@mcfarlane.com

NEED MORE SPAWN'S ? UNIVERSE

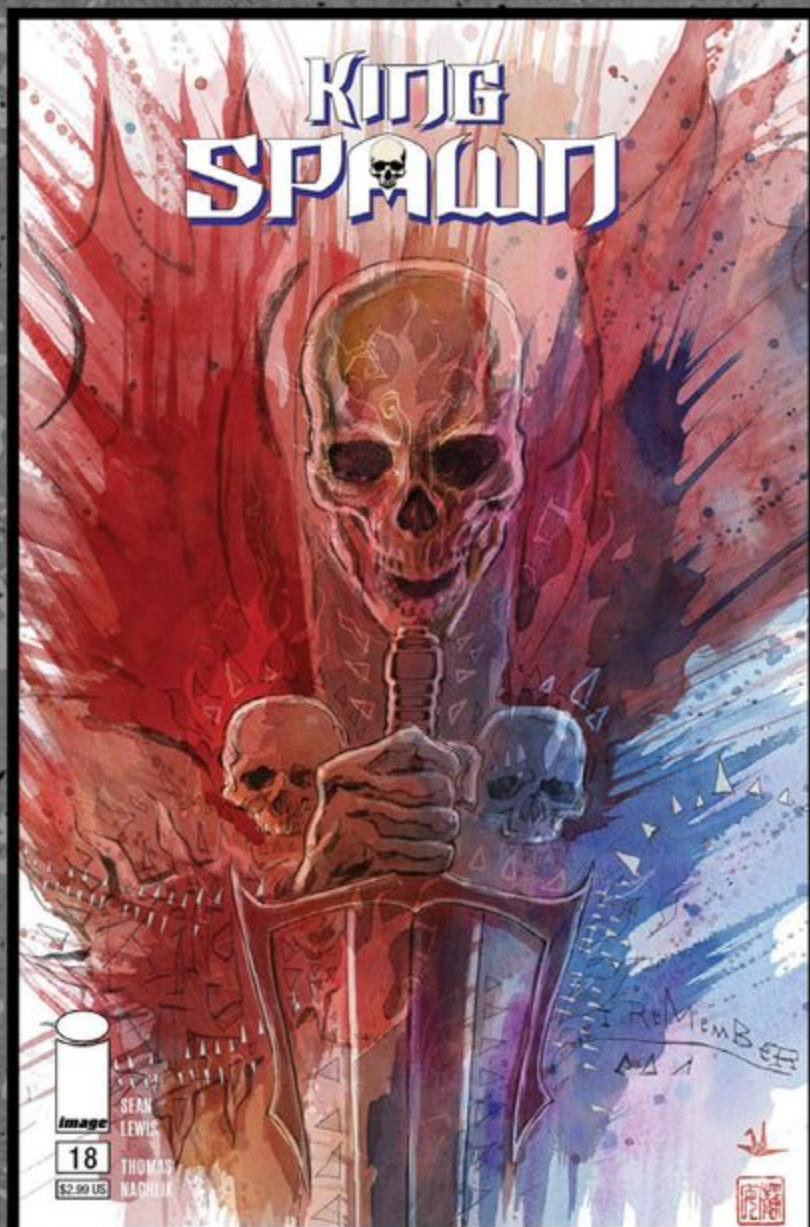
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SPAWN

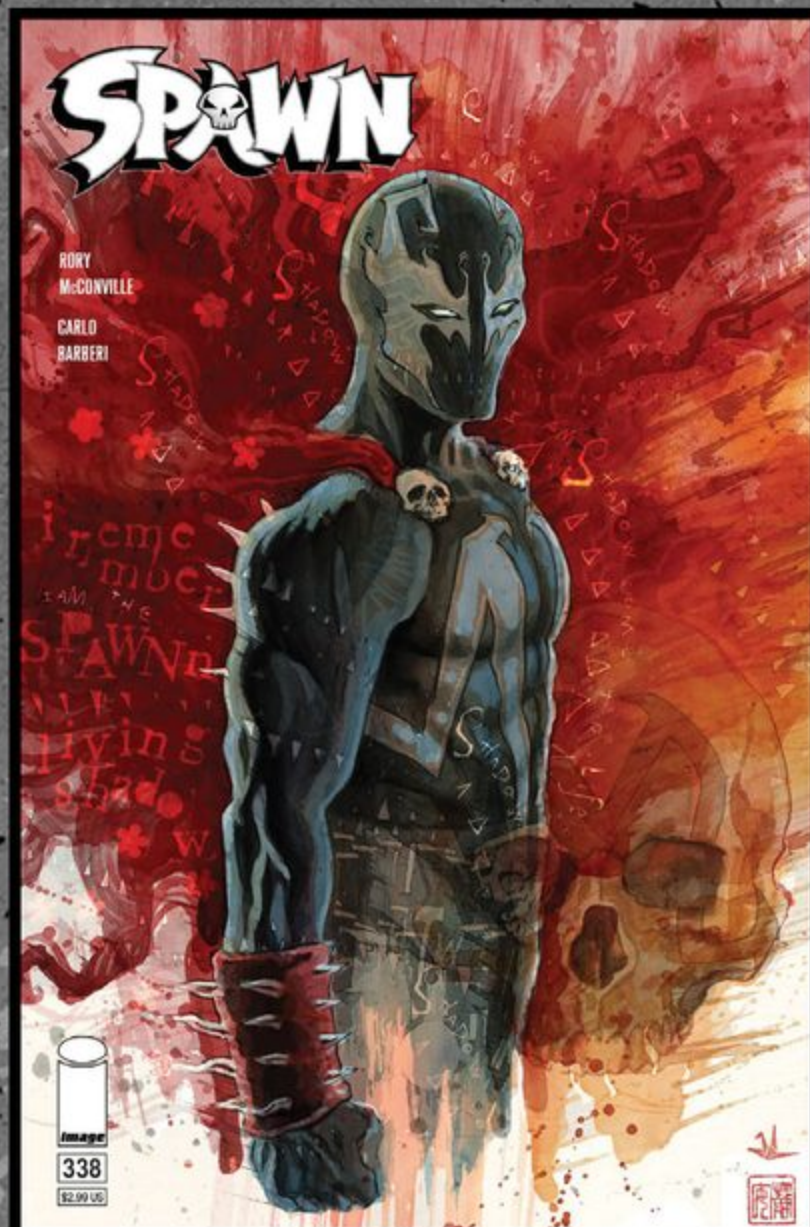
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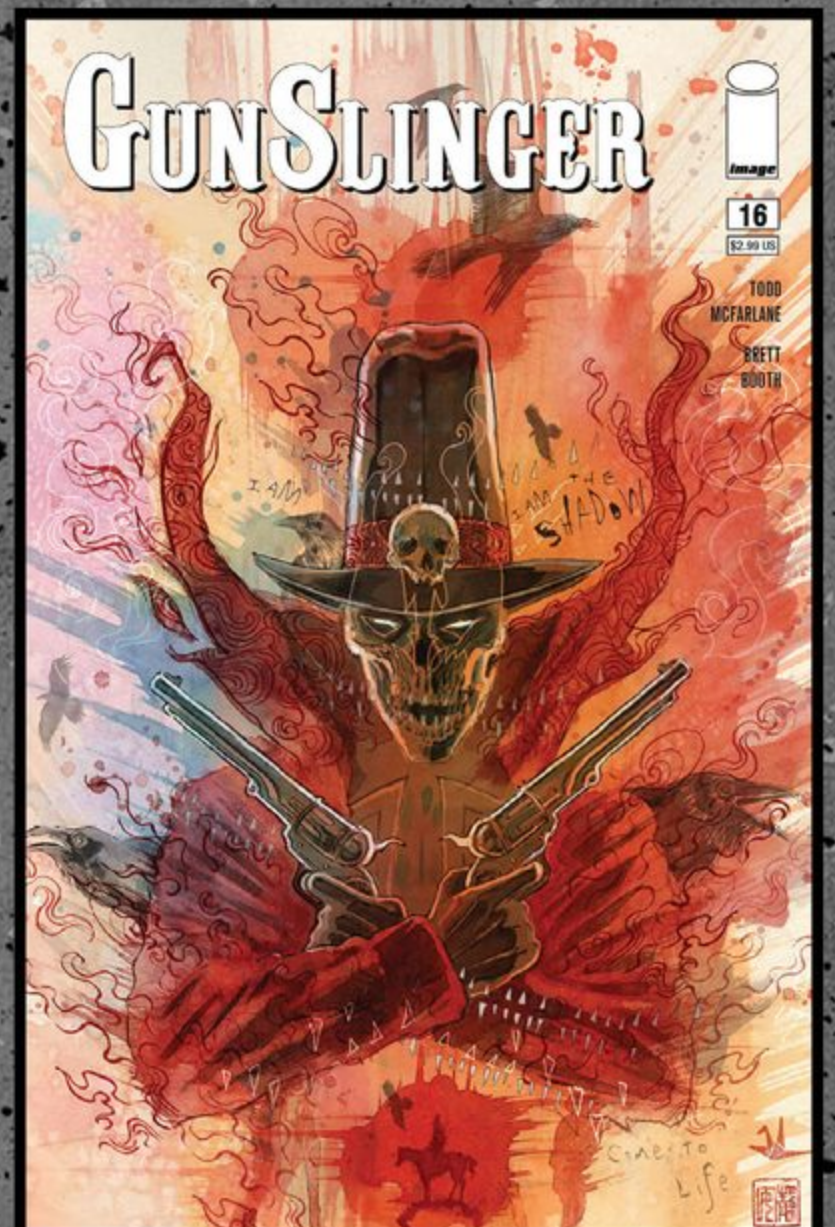
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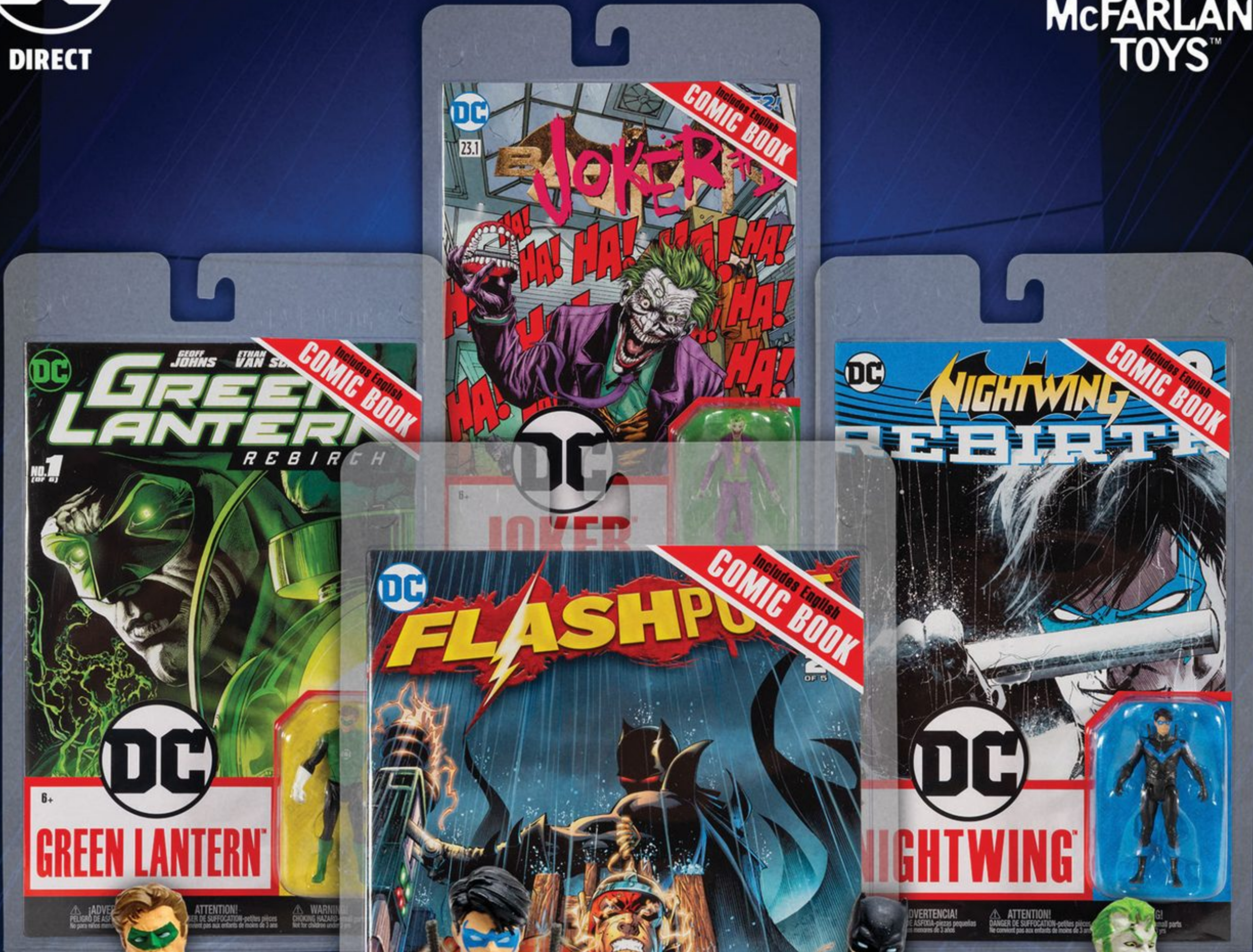
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MONSTRESS **CHEW** *KINGSMAN*
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